

REMARKS

Consideration of the above-identified application in view of the present amendment is respectfully requested. By the present amendment, new claims 63 and 64 have been added. Claims 1-41, 46, and 48-62 have been allowed.

New claim 63 recites a fill tube for directing helium inflation fluid into a side curtain to inflate the curtain for a time sufficient to protect an occupant in a rollover. The fill tube also heats the helium inflation fluid so that the inflation fluid directed into the side curtain has a temperature about equal to an ambient temperature in which the side curtain is deployed. The prior art does not teach or suggest this structure. Therefore, it is respectfully submitted that new claim 63 is allowable. New claim 64 depends from claim 63 and is therefore allowable as depending from an allowable claim and for the specific features recited therein.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that the above-identified application is in condition for allowance, and allowance of the above-identified application is respectfully requested.

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